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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE TEAM

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ERT Activities, May 2012

[Note: Activities are grouped according to the ERT Priorities]

Emergency Response and Preparedness

Non Responsive

Innovative Technical Assistance to the EPA Regions

Region 1

• Synergy (Former) Site, Claremont, NH. This former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) sits on the shoreline of the Sugar River, across from former industrial mills in Claremont, New Hampshire. The former site buildings, gas house, soils, and shallow groundwater are saturated with VOCs and SVOCs from the former operation. On May 1-4, 2012, the ERT Dive Team conducted an extent of contamination survey in the pooled area of the river adjacent to the site. Initial reconnaissance dives measured sediment thickness, which was primarily 6-30 inches of sand. Diver activities created oil sheen during intrusive activities.

About six sedi-ment cores were collected at select locations. Divers also collected water quality and pore water samples at three locations to determine if contaminated groundwater is recharging the river. EPA Region 1 provided shoreline support, including diver tending and manning a safety vessel. River flow rates were a concern, but by tending a single diver with a communications rope, the operations proceeded smoothly. Based on the available data, divers followed polluted water protocols, including dry suits/dry gloves/full-face mask, and diver decontamination on the river bank. Diver operations resulted in significant

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Region 3

• *Dimock Residential Groundwater Site, Dimock, PA.* As requested by EPA Region 3, ERT continues to provide on-site and off-site data reduction and data evalua-tion support at the Dimock Residential Groundwater Site in Dimock, Pennsylvania. Gary Newhart and John Gilbert were on site on May 1 and 4, and Ma 6-11, respectively. (Contacts: Gary P. Newhart, 513-470-8662; John M. Gilbert, 513-569-

7590)

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Region 4

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Highlighted Support Activities

Ongoing/Completed

Project	Tools	Scope
Box Elder Gasoline Spill	VIPER	Deployed 2 AreaRAEs using VIPER for remote monitoring of land farming area
Dimock (R3)	Scribe	Provide assistance on migrating historic data to Scribe

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